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WEATHER—Snow tonight and Tuesday.

Mrs. Sage has given away two millions of dollars already. This will prove encouraging to those who were informed that she was going to hold onto her money just as her husband did.

The Thaw jury has been selected and now the newspapers are fighting over whether to put the defendant on the stand or to allow the public to guess on what he would say. Even the attorneys for the defense are undecided about allowing Thaw to go on the stand.

W. C. Brown, the president of the American Railway association, predicts that within eighteen months a depression in business will be very noticeable, and this condition of panic will be the result of the opposition which has been offered to the railroads by the administration.

It would just be the luck of the Democratic party to be successful in a national election upon the eve of a panic and then get all of the credit for the wrong doing of the Republicans. Mr. Brown probably sees the handwriting on the wall and interprets it to mean the election of Bryan in 1908, and he has set his time for the panic to suit the trend of events.

The fickleness of the weather was never demonstrated better than, on Saturday. February second, has come to be a day which is closely watched by all good weather prophets and upon the single fact of whether or not the sun shines even for a moment depends the weather for the coming six weeks. Leastwise so the fable goes.

All over the country can be seen little groundhogs, who awaken with the birds on February 2nd. These little fellows, with the first peep of day leave their nests and crawl out upon the face of the earth for no other purpose than to sit all day and watch for their shadows. If no shadow is seen, spring will be here on the following day and if the sun shines sufficiently to throw a shadow the little woodchuck dodges back into his hole, there to remain for six weeks while King Winter again rules.

Saturday afternoon just before press time we surveyed the skies and asked the "Oldest Inhabitant" what he thought about it. Combining his experience with our superior knowledge of modern methods of predicting the weather, the decision, that there was no danger of a shadow, was reached and boldly we proclaimed to the anxious and unobserving public the fact that spring was near at hand. The press was making its last revolution when the sun burst forth behind a cloud. The mischief was done. Winter would retrace his steps, a new supply of coal must be laid in, there were at least six more weeks of prosperity for the gas company, the street car company could not bring out its summer cars, so recently discarded, for

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six long weeks, the baseball season could not open earlier than the middle of March, the council could not begin paving South Prospect street as soon as they had intended, the Board of Public Service must postpone its work of beautifying Marion's half dozen parks and work on the new city building and new quarters for the fire department must be postponed. These are a few of the hopes which were blasted when the sun made his appearance, but worse than all else we were placed before the public in the light of a prevaricator, a thing of which a newspaper was never before suspected.

We now have more sympathy for the man whose business it is to watch the weather and predict for the coming twenty-four or forty eight hours.

The city council will meet this evening and it is highly probable that further protest will be made by the residents of South Prospect street, against the paving of that thoroughfare from Walnut street to the city's south corporation line. There yet remains a hope that council can be brought to see the error of its way and the injustice of the move it has made. It is not too late to retrace the step, the residents of the street have not changed their opinion of the enormity of the injustice and in this contention they have received some support from other sections of the city.

This question is one which does not interest only the property owners along the street. It interests every taxpayer in Marion. The tax rate is already very heavy, but the people of Marion will not complain so long as the improvements are needed. "Progress," is the watchword of Marion and this same spirit it has been imbibed by the people. If it is evident that an improvement is needed, that settles it with the taxpayers, but when it comes to paying long stretches of streets, out to the corporation line, pavings which are not wanted by the persons residing on the street because they are not able to stand the assessments, pavings which are to be constructed merely as a speculation for men who have bought vacant lots along the street, the thinking taxpayer, the man who has to deny himself in order to pay his taxes, balks at the manner in which this business has been rushed through.

As yet no explanation of why certain things have been done in connection with the resolution to pave this street. The columns of the Mirror are open to any of the members of council who wish to explain the position they have taken in the matter. And an explanation is certainly due.

Any councilman who desires to inform the public why it was that an effort was made to rush through a resolution to pave the street without even the knowledge or consent of the property owners; why the petition was placed in the hands of a representative of a paving company to circulate; why no attention was paid to the remonstrance which was signed by every resident property owner on that part of the street; why the petition was given to the representative of that particular paving company to circulate; how some of the names got onto the petition which the property owners say were never placed there by them or upon their authority; may feel perfectly free to bring such statement as he desires to the Mirror and it will be cheerfully published.

As matters now stand an explanation is due the people and if none is forthcoming the public must form its own conclusion.

### Drift of Comment

RURAL ROUTES AND ROADS.

The rural mail service, which in ten years has grown to such proportions that it demands an appropriation of about \$26,000,000, and includes no fewer than 35,000 carriers, is an experiment which in the main outlines may be said to be entirely successful. The rapid carrying of mail to the farm population, while not as vital on the whole as is the expedition of business mail, serves many good purposes. And like many other departments of the postal service which accomplish good in collateral lines, through indirect effort, it has



SENATOR ELECT CHARLES CURTIS.

Charles Curtis, recently elected to the United States senate to represent Kansas, is part Indian. The new senator's mother belonged to the Kaw tribe, which inhabited the section of Kansas where he was born forty-seven years ago. His father was a white man. In his boyhood the statesman, who was a light, slim lad, used to ride horses as a jockey at local races. Later he became a hack driver in Topeka. But he soon rose to higher things. When he was not much past thirty he was elected to congress, and he has been re-elected six times. Senator Curtis succeeds Senator Benson, who was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Joseph R. Burton, resigned.

ters the movement for good roads, because the postal authorities will not establish routes where the roads are not in fair condition.

As might have been expected, there was some scrambling for place, and scrambling also to have routes established, whether they were really needed or not. But the postal department is getting down, to a business basis in this matter, by requiring a certain number of patrons of each route, and requiring that the actual patronage be a certain percentage of the possible patronage. It was found that 70 out of 127 families on the average routes were actual patrons, the rest continuing to get their mail at the local postoffices. Now, three-fourths of the families possible to reach must pledge themselves to use the delivery service. As lightening the work of the local postoffices was an economy which was urged as a counterbalance in part to the cost of establishing the carrier service, the requirement is no more than reasonable. To have one man putting in his whole time carrying mail to only 70 families is rather an expensive ratio of service.

In many states, laws have been passed especially providing for road work on the rural routes, making it the duty of certain local officials to see that the roads are kept in good condition. Regular reports are made on road conditions by the carriers—and some of the Ohio reports are no doubt rather dismal just at this season. The care of the postal roads helps stimulate local interest therein, which is one of the things which need stimulation.—Columbus Dispatch.

### THE RETURN OF THE GIBSON GIRL.

A new series of "Gibson Heads" is now offered by The New York Sunday World. These drawings are from the pen of the world-famed artist, Charles Dana Gibson. The pictures are in India black, on a buff background upon art paper, and each is ready for framing. The first "Gibson Girl" art supplement was given last Sunday and others will follow each Sunday. Get the set. Order now from newsmen in advance.

## COAL CAR SHORTAGE

Paralyzing Mining Industry in Tennessee and South-eastern Kentucky.

Knoxville, Feb. 4.—The coal industry of East Tennessee and south-eastern Kentucky has been paralyzed the past week on account of the coal car famine which has prevailed on both the Southern and Louisville and Nashville railroads, the only two lines penetrating the districts. Only one day, Monday, were any cars whatever given the mine operators, and as a result, they have been unable to even partially supply the large district dependent on them in the southeastern states. Local operators have been notified of the closing days of hundreds of

## VETERANS FROM FLOWERY KINGDOM IN HONOLULU

It is Claimed That Fifteen Thousand Men Trained in the Russian War Have Been Drilled by Moonlight; That Japanese are Becoming Intolerably Impudent and That War Will be Declared in 18 Months.

Honolulu, Feb. 4.—Sixty-five thousand Japanese are now in the Hawaiian Islands, it is carefully estimated. Of these 40,000 are adult males, and of this number 15,000 are men trained in arms. Six thousand of them are veterans of the war with Russia, who do not go to work on the plantations, but crowd the hotels. They come ostensibly as laborers, but customs officers discovered they were veterans by finding medals and discharge papers in their baggage.

Gun dealers report an unusually large sale of firearms and ammunition during January. Until recently hundreds of Japanese, used to drill back of Camp McKinley, using broomsticks in the manual of arms. When the newspapers mentioned these drills, they were discontinued.

But the Japanese are still drilling by moonlight on the outskirts.

The Japanese are becoming much more cock in their demeanor; Japanese house servants are almost intolerably impudent now. Japanese assaulted two white men in Honolulu last week. The Japanese druggists have formed an association and have started a movement urging their countrymen not to patronize any pharmacist but Japanese.

On the best authority it is claimed that a Japanese officer here told his countrymen that war with the United States would not begin for eighteen months, but that Japan would surely declare war then. A Japanese squadron is to arrive here on Feb. 16 or 17, and the men from Nippon eagerly await the warships coming and are planning to welcome them with a tremendous demonstration.

was caused by a man running a fan going to sleep and allowing it to stop.

### BRIDGE TIMBERS ARE BEING USED FOR FUEL

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Feb. 4.—Because of a fuel famine the conditions of people in the smaller towns of Saskatchewan are most alarming. Trains are being stopped and coal taken from the engine tenders. Bridge timbers and telegraph poles are being used for fuel. The storm continues to blockade all the lines.

The furniture and fixtures of the Lutz barber shop, were sold, by Constable Ben Bigford of Justice Conley's court Saturday afternoon to Robert Stornel for \$26.

### FOUR MEN KILLED IN MINE EXPLOSION

Cumberland, Md., Feb. 4.—Four lives are known to have been lost in a mine explosion at Thomas, W. Va., today. A number of other miners are believed to be entombed. Bodies of the known dead have been removed. The explosion

## SENATOR DRYDEN HAS WITHDRAWN FROM CONTEST

Upon the Advice of His Physician the Jersey Man Decides to Give up the Fight for His Return to the Senate of the United States Which Might Injure the Party in His State.

Washington, Feb. 4.—United States Senator John F. Dryden, of New Jersey has withdrawn his name as a candidate for re-election to the Senate.

This action was taken on the advice of the Senator's physicians, who warned him of the danger to his health if he persisted in attending the public meeting arranged at his request to be held in Trenton. It was Senator Dryden's intention to address the Republican members of the Legislature and set forth the reasons in his opinion why he should be re-elected to the Senate.

Senator Dryden said he had hoped at this meeting to be able to convince the eight Republicans who

refused to be bound by the action of the party caucus that their opposition to him is based upon mistaken grounds.

In explaining the Senator's withdrawal from the Senatorial race his private secretary made the following statement:

"Senator Dryden concluded that a continuance of the deadlock would tend to injure the party and the State. Accordingly he formally announced his intention to withdraw. Senator Dryden is not dangerously ill. His condition is such that his physicians and family consider it of vital importance that he should be relieved at once of any further strain upon his strength and that complete rest from all cares is absolutely necessary."



LADY CROFTON, FAMOUS ENGLISH BEAUTY.

Lady Crofton, wife of Sir Morgan Crofton, is one of the most charming young matrons of the British aristocracy. Her husband is the sixth baronet of the name and, being twenty-seven years old, has a brilliant record as an army officer. The couple have two large country estates, at which they entertain lavishly. Lady Crofton owns 11,000 acres of land in England and Ireland. Lady Crofton is one of the most popular hostesses.

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### CINCINNATI REPUBLICANS

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president expects to give to a representative of the colored race. Haley is a constituent of Representative Henry T. Bannon of the tenth district, and has notified him of his aspirations. Portsmouth being in the southern part of the state, renders its conspicuous tonorial artist eligible for the surveyorship. But Mr. Bannon does not intend to become involved in the controversy between the president and Senator Foraker, especially as the surveyorship has always been looked upon as a part of the senatorial patronage. He said, however, that if he had anything to do with filling the office he knew of no colored man he would indorse more cheerfully than Haley.

Another colored man, well known in southern Ohio, who has begun a canvass for the surveyorship is Robert J. Harlan, who was once employed in the office of the city treasurer at Cincinnati. Harlan is now a clerk in the office of the auditor for the war department, and has a record for efficiency. He came here during the first administration of President McKinley.

### EX-SECRETARY HOUCK INJURED IN A RUNAWAY

Mr. Vernon O. Feb. 4.—Louis B. Houck, one of the best known Democratic politicians in the state, was seriously hurt in a runaway accident. He was unconscious for several hours, but it was announced last night that while terribly bruised and suffering from a broken collarbone, he will recover.

Henry A. Mackay, who was with Mr. Houck, when the team ran away, sustained a broken hip.

### SMALL POX ADD TO CENTRAL CHINA FAMINE

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 4.—Small pox has been added to the terror of the famine in Central China. Advice received from Tokio state that 500,000 people will die of starvation or disease.

Sixth Annual Dance given by the Peoples' Band Tuesday evening, February 5 at Huber Hall. 1-31-5t

## CHINESE REBELS HOLD MANY STRONG POSITIONS

Leaders of the Revolution Declare That the Overthrow of the Manchuee Dynasty Is the Purpose of the Rebellion and that Agents are Now In Europe and America To Purchase Arms and Ammunition.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 4.—Revolution in central China threatens the stability of the present dynasty, according to Oriental advisers just received by the steamer Turcar. If a junction between the Hunan and Kwang Tung rebels is made, it is considered certain that a formidable rebellion will result. The rebels hold that all the mountain fastnesses on the borders of Hunan and Kiangsi, and all attempts to dislodge them have failed. According to a Japanese paper, agents of the revolutionists have been sent to Europe and the United States to purchase arms and ammunition. A rebel leader has been seen at the outbreak of the Manchuee dynasty.